

## **DELIVERY OF SEQUENTIAL INFORMATION**

### *Abstract of the Disclosure*

The publisher of sequential issues of information makes these issues available  
5 only in sequence and only in accordance with certain rules such as the sequence can  
be accessed only for a set number of issues and only in ascending numerical order. A  
subscriber requests a subscription to the sequential issues. A service provider creates  
and maintains a unique record of the subscription that contains certain subscriber  
information. When the subscriber attempts to retrieve an issue, a calculation is made  
10 to determine whether the issue requested falls within the rules and time frames  
established for delivery of the requested issue. Delivery is accomplished for  
acceptable issue numbers via a network.